

Email 24.3.20

Schools Latest Covid -19 Information

Dear Parents

On behalf of the schools, I hope that you are all staying safe and keeping well.

Please find below some updated information - sorry it is quite formally presented but hopefully it gives clear guidance. We would appreciate it if you could read through the entire email.

Carlton & Faceby School is still open to provide care for a limited number of children. We are following very strict guidelines to ensure that only those children whose parents are critical workers and who have no other means of keeping their children safely at home whilst they are at work, are able to book into the provision at school. Guidance for parents can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

After today the telephones will not be routinely answered. Parents are able to email Mrs Martin at admin@carltonfaceby.n-yorks.sch.uk as she will be working from home. Email will be monitored regularly during the day. If you need to speak to school staff, please send a message and this will be arranged as quickly as we can.

Bookings for childcare should be requested by email at least the day before it is required so that appropriate staffing is in place. We will ask for details of you employment to establish if the reason meets the criteria for provision - please do not be offended by this we are following guidelines which are designed to minimise spread of the COVID-19.

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing.

And the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

It is important to underline that schools, all childcare settings (including early years settings, childminders and providers of childcare for school-age children), colleges and other educational establishments, remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Schools, and all childcare providers, are therefore being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

At lunchtime today, North Yorkshire Police put out the following message:-

Lisa Winward, Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police, Andrew Brodie, Chief Fire Officer of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, and Julia Mulligan, North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner have issued the following statement on new measures to stop spread of Coronavirus

“It is our job to keep North Yorkshire safe and we can only do that if you follow the instruction to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

“We know the vast majority of you have already been taking action to stop the spread of Coronavirus, and we thank you for those efforts. But some have not – and the crowds we saw in some parts of North Yorkshire this weekend illustrated that all too clearly.

“Now there is no ambiguity, there can be no question – if you do not need to be outside for an essential reason, to buy food or medicine or to exercise once a day, you must stay at home.

“Anyone who thinks this does not apply to them is putting lives at risk. North Yorkshire Police will use all powers we have to stop that, to keep us all safe and to ultimately save lives.

“Our emergency services will be here to protect you throughout this national emergency. We know these are unsettling times. They are unprecedented times. But across North Yorkshire we stand together, and together we’ll get through it.”

- At 1.30pm today (Tuesday 24 March), the Public Accountability Meeting will focus on North Yorkshire’s reaction to the Coronavirus pandemic. **CLICK TO WATCH** https://youtu.be/Ea4Y_6qjsWM

If you need to contact North Yorkshire Police please call 101 or in an emergency dial 999.

Alternatively please email any non urgent enquiries to:
generalenquiries@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Please will all our families take this message to heart - there should be no play dates, visiting one another's homes etc. - we have many older and vulnerable people in our rural communities. **WE ALL NEED TO ACT RESPONSIBLY NOW WHILE WE MAY BE ABLE TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THIS VIRUS.**

We will continue to keep in touch with you all and hope that you and your extended families keep well.

Regards and thanks

Carol Martin

Administration Officer